

The Library Link

◆ NORTHERN TIER LIBRARY
OCTOBER 2026



PITTSBURGH'S HISTORIC STADIUMS & ARENAS *Wednesday, October 7 @ 6:30 PM*

From the earliest pro football & hockey teams to groundbreaking facilities like Duquesne Gardens & the Civic Arena, Pittsburgh has led the way. Following the success of his first book on Pittsburgh's major league baseball parks, local historian Mark Fatla documents the history of Pittsburgh's professional football, hockey & basketball venues in his latest book Pittsburgh's Historic Stadiums & Arenas. Explore that history through dozens of historic images & an engaging lecture by the author.

LIFE CHANGING DOGS FOR VETERANS *Wednesday, October 14 @ 6:30 PM*

Meet members of Life Changing Service Dogs For Veterans to learn about their mission to provide America's veterans with service dogs for those who suffer from visible & invisible disabilities resulting from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) & Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) with special focus on men & women who are veterans of the United States Military Service. These amazing service dogs provide life-changing aid to our vets in distress. Based in Southwestern PA, this group recently celebrated 11 years working to support veterans.

GHOST STORIES TAKE-HOME KIT *Lobby pickup on Friday, October 23 after @ 12 PM*

Make spooky decorations for your house! This craft kit is intended for adults & teens, but all ages are welcome to register. Registration is required by Tuesday, October 20 to account for supplies.

BYOP (BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN!) *Tuesday, October 20 @ 5 PM*

Join us for an evening of pumpkin carving & decorating! Bring your own pumpkin & the library will supply the carving tools & snacks. All ages are welcome to attend & registration is required.

NIGHTFALL IN THE STACKS: AN ADULT HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION *Friday, October 23 @ 6:30 PM*

Get into the Halloween spirit with an evening of frightful fun at the library! This festive adults-only Halloween party will feature spooky snacks, friendly competition, & mystical entertainment. Challenge your knowledge with Halloween & literary trivia, roll your way to victory with mini-pumpkin bowling, & discover what the cards may reveal during tarot card readings. Enjoy seasonal treats, mingle with fellow Halloween enthusiasts, & celebrate the spookiest season of the year in a fun & welcoming atmosphere. This Halloween gathering promises plenty of laughter, surprises, & autumn fun!

Costumes are encouraged but not required. There is a registration fee of \$5 per person.

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY *Friday, October 30 @ 5 PM*

Celebrate Halloween with us at Northern Tier Library! Come in your costume & make sure you perform all the spooky tricks to receive your treats! There will be a variety of activities to encourage movement & exploration, as well as fun candy rewards. This event is for kids of all ages & registration is required.



Northern Tier Library Richland Center

4015 Dickey Rd
Gibsonia PA 15044
724-449-2665
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Mon - Wed: 9 am - 7 pm
Thu - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

Northern Tier Library Pine Center

100 Pine Park Dr
Wexford PA 15090
724-449-2665 ext. 35

Mon & Wed: 9 am - 5 pm
Thu: 11 am - 7 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 2 pm

Mission Statement

To provide resources that inspire, inform, educate & entertain the public.

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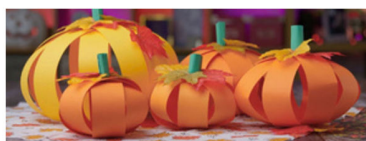
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United Way Donations

Did you know that you can donate to your library through United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania?

Use agency code #1601

Kids & Teen Programs



Kids Take-Home Program Kits

WEEKLY CRAFT

**Pickup on Tuesdays,
October 27 - December 8**

Kids of all ages can register for a simple, weekly take-home paper craft that can be picked up in our lobby.

There will be no craft on Tuesday, November 24 because of the holiday.

MAKERSPACE KITS

Kids & teens can enjoy a take-home kit featuring supplies from our Makerspace that can be picked up in our lobby.

Oct 26: Paper Pumpkin

Use craft materials to make a festive pumpkin.

Honor & Memorial Donations

Donations in memory of:

Vivian Castiglioni from Karen Becker, Cheryl Bentham, Deanne Fahrney, Danielle Jewell, Sally Long, Susan McGear, Carol & Les Misik, Maureen & Martin Napolitano, Betty B Snyder, Susan Stoehr, & William Vetter

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Wanda Kojza from Richard & Deborah Lokay

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BABY PLAYTIME

Tuesdays, November 3 - December 8 @ 11 AM

Enjoy half an hour of fun with your baby! This program is intended for babies ages 0-18 months.

STORY & PLAYTIME

Wednesdays & Thursdays, October 28 - December 10 @ 10:30 AM

Share songs, rhymes, and books at this storytime event! This program is for toddlers, preschoolers & their families. *There will be no storytimes on Wednesday, November 25 & Thursday, November 26 because of the holiday.*

POKÉMON CLUB

Monday, October 5 @ 5:30 PM

Bring your cards or games & meet other Pokémon trainers at the library. Boards will be available for the card game & a Pokémon-related project will be there to enjoy. Self-directed & open to children, teens & their families.

NATUREOLOGY: BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 13 @ 5:30 PM

While you're sleeping there is a whole different cast of characters making a living under the night sky. Kids of all ages can learn more about why they prefer the moon at this month's Natureology with Tony Palermo.

PAGE TO PROJECTOR: PROJECT HAIL MARY

Monday, October 19 @ 6 PM

Launch into a library screening of another novel turned film with the 2026 hit movie *Project Hail Mary*, adapted from the book of the same name by Andy Weir. In both stories, the Sun is mysteriously dimming to a degree that will eventually doom life on Earth. The world's best minds convene for a last-ditch effort to find a solution. Whether a fan of the book, sci-fi lover, or just looking for a fun evening the whole family can enjoy, join us to see how a high school teacher attempts to save the world. **Admission is \$5 per person** & refreshments will be provided.



CLASSIC SCREWBALL COMEDY SERIES

Tuesday, October 13 @ 7 PM

Northern Tier Library, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club, will show *Bringing Up Baby*, a film about a paleontologist in predicaments involving a scatterbrained heiress & a leopard named Baby. Doors open at 6:30 PM with the movie starting at 7 PM. The film is free to attend & refreshments will be provided, so we ask for registration to account for supplies.



FREEDOM TO READ, FREEDOM TO LEARN: CHAMPIONING INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Wednesday, October 28 @ 6 PM

What does intellectual freedom look like in public schools, & what can parents & the community do to protect it? Join Read for Liberty PA & Red Wine & Blue PA for a conversation about the freedom to read, learn, & explore ideas in our schools. Understand what strong library policies look like, recognize red flags that can lead to censorship or restricted access, & learn what to do when concerning policies or practices arise. Join us whether you're a parent, educator, student, or simply someone who cares about strong public schools & the freedom to learn & think.

Adult Programs

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Monday, October 12 @ 1 PM

Donate blood this month to help patients who rely on donations- no tricks, just treats! Richland American Legion Post 548 will be hosting a blood drive at Northern Tier Library. Please make an appointment at vitalant.org or call **877-25-VITAL** & use blood drive code: **100565039**.

THE ROAD TO RETIREMENT: INCOME, INVESTMENTS, & SOCIAL SECURITY

Monday, October 19 @ 5:30 PM

What does it really mean to be financially ready for retirement? Join Jon Hoover from Johnson Wealth Management of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC for a discussion on preparing for the transition, including what retirement looks like in today's world, identifying risks that could impact your income & lifestyle, aligning your investments with your evolving needs, & important social security claiming considerations. Find out practical, actionable first steps you can take toward building a more confident retirement plan.

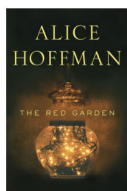
Book Clubs

BRIDGET'S BOOK CLUB **October 14 @ 6:30 PM**

A monthly book club for all fiction lovers.

► *The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman

The Red Garden presents us with the haunting world of Blackwell, Massachusetts as it captures 300 years of passion, dark secrets, loyalty & redemption in a web of tales where characters' lives are intertwined by fate & by their own actions. At the center of everyone's life is an extraordinary garden where only red plants can grow & where the truth can be found by those who dare to look.

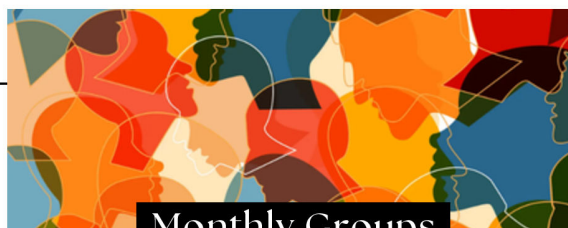
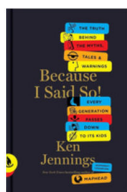


NONFICTION DISCUSSION **October 20 @ 1 PM**

A monthly book club featuring nonfiction titles.

► *Because I Said So!* by Ken Jennings

Jennings wants to find out if mother & father always know best. Yes, all those years you were told not to sit too close to the television (you'll hurt your eyes!) or swallow your gum (it stays in your stomach for seven years!) or crack your knuckles (arthritis!) are called into question by America's leading trivia guru. Jennings separates myth from fact to debunk a wide variety of parental edicts: no swimming after meals, sit up straight, don't talk to strangers, & so on.



Monthly Groups

FRIDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

Play various tabletop games at the library on Fridays, October 2 & 16 at 1 PM!

YARNS N'AT

This fiber arts group will meet on Saturdays, October 3 & 17 at 10 AM to practice their preferred style of fiber art.

PINOCHLE

This card group meets every Tuesday, October 6-27 at 1 PM. New players are always welcome!

AMERICAN MAHJONG

Join us at 1 PM every Wednesday, October 7-28 to play American Mahjong with others.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Register for a 30-minute session between 2 & 4 PM on Wednesdays, October 7, 14 & 28 to get help with a technology-related topic.

CONVERSATION GROUP

Stop by on Thursday, October 8 at 1 PM to share ideas & hear what others have to say.

PUZZLE SWAP

Pittsburgh Puzzle Exchange will host a swap at the library on Saturday, October 10 at 11 AM. Bring as many puzzles as you wish & take as many "new" ones as you brought!

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY: MEMORY CAFE

Memory cafes offer individuals with cognitive impairment & their caregivers the opportunity to socialize. Come for a respite from stress while enjoying a light lunch with activity on Mondays, October 12 & 26 at 12:30 PM.

KNIT LIT

Knitters, crocheters, & all yarn art enthusiasts can join us on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM with whatever project they're working on.

PLANT-BASED PITTSBURGH NORTH

Join YouTuber & NHA Board Member Brittany Jaroudi on Wednesday, October 28 at 5:30 PM for a festive class about whole food, plant-based, & SOS-free Halloween treats! Brittany will also answer any plant-based questions so you can feel confident creating your favorite snacks.



Northern Tier Regional Library
4015 Dickey Road, Gibsonia PA 15044

Pine Center Programs

FAMILY STORYTIME

Fridays, October 30 - December 11 @ 11 AM

Come to the Pine Center for an all-ages storytime! Sing, move, read books & practice rhymes. This event is for children of all ages. *There will be no storytime on Friday, November 27 because of the holiday.*

STEM TAKE-HOME CRAFT

The Pine Center will offer a free STEM take-home craft available for pickup while supplies last!

AMERICAN MAHJONG

Thursdays, October 1 & 15 @ 5 PM

Experienced players are welcome at these sessions of American Mahjong! Please bring your own game set & annual card along if you have one.

LEARN MAHJONG

Tuesday, October 13 @ 5 PM

Want to learn to play Mahjong? Register for this class to learn the tiles, rules & strategies involved with this centuries old game. This class is for beginners only.

THE PINE NEEDLES

Thursday, October 1 @ 4 PM

All yarn enthusiasts can join to talk about life, discuss books they're reading & share fiber art projects they're working on but may never finish.

PINING FOR BOOKS

Monday, October 12 @ 2 PM

A book club to explore genres & literary themes.

► *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon

Sara Harrison Shea was found dead in the field behind her house just months after the tragic death of her daughter in 1908. In present day, Ruthie lives in Sara's farmhouse with her mother, Alice. Ruthie wakes up one morning to find that Alice has vanished without a trace. Searching for clues, she is startled to find a copy of Sara Harrison Shea's diary hidden beneath the floorboards of her mother's bedroom. As Ruthie gets sucked deeper into the mystery of Sara's fate, she discovers that she's not the only person who's desperately looking for someone that they've lost. But she may be the only one who can stop history from repeating itself.



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